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Taking Aim At Synthetic Drugs

S.D. Attorney General Marty Jackley Says State Is Making The Right Decisions

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South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley talked synthetic drugs, gun control and the period of purple crying while speaking with the *Press & Dakotan* Wednesday.

Synthetic drugs include K2, bath salts and night lights. They are very dangerous and have led to a number of hospitalizations for abusers in the state, and even have led to the recent deaths of two teenagers who used them in North Dakota.

"We decided to make possession of synthetic drugs a misdemeanor ... We wanted to be proactive about it."

MARTY JACKLEY

Jackley said, "They essentially take a bunch of chemicals that give you hallucinations, label them wrong, then sell them for a lot of money."

Synthetic drugs first began appearing in South Dakota around five years ago. Jackley went to the Legislature to alert them of the problem.

"We decided to make possession of synthetic drugs a misdemeanor in South Dakota at that time," he said. "We wanted to be proactive about it. We sent a memo to local businesses and said the law will be coming, and 99 percent of the businesses in the state said 'Oh wow' and took the drugs off of their shelves."

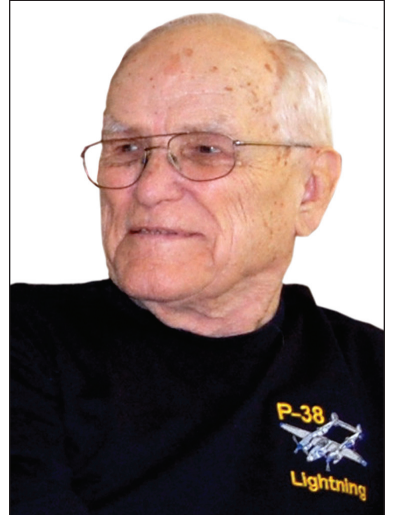
More recently, however, a Senate Bill was passed that characterized nine different chemical categories as a felony offense for possession.

"The bad guys kept changing the chemical makeup of the drugs so this year we teamed up with the Department of Health (DOH) and made it a drug analog, which is what the federal government had, as a felony," Jackley said. "The



South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley stopped by the *Press & Dakotan* Wednesday and spoke about the dangers of synthetic drugs, gun control laws, the success of state drug courts and the Period of Purple Crying. Jackley endorsed five bills during this legislative session, all of which were passed.

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Howard 'Hod' Nielsen

Longtime Journalist Hod Nielsen Passes Away At 92

From P&D Staff Reports

A longtime Yankton journalist and one of the community's most recognized World War II veterans has died.

Howard "Hod" Nielsen passed away early Wednesday at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. He was 92.

Nielsen served a sports editor and sports writer at the *Press & Dakotan* for more than 40 years. His column, "Play by Play," which he sometimes wrote daily, was published for decades, even after his retirement as sports editor (his second tour at that post) in 1986.

Nielsen was also a longtime radio announcer, with a career than began in 1950. He was a mainstay at KYNT-AM, and his voice was a longtime fixture at South Dakota state high school basketball tournaments. He was also widely recognized as the voice of the Yankton Bucks, and also broadcast many college

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8th Annual Home Show Set For This Weekend

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If you're going to build it, they want you to come.

The Lewis & Clark Home Builders Association (LCHBA) will present its eighth annual Home Show this weekend to offer help to area homeowners looking to repair, remodel or build anew. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Kiwanis 4-H Ice Center at 709 Whiting Drive.

"We put this show on as a service to the public," said Tim Frohreich, the show's committee chair. "It's for anyone wanting to do home improvements — whether it be landscaping, kitchen or bathroom additions — or looking for ideas for building a new home. There's just a wide array of different things."

The Home Show will feature booths from approximately 50 businesses, most of which are from the Yankton/Vermillion area. Exhibits and demonstrations will cover the newest trends and

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PHOTO COURTESY LEE CARL

The cast for the Cedar County Theatre production of "Drinking Habits" includes Lynn Kathol, sitting, and in the back row (from left) Amber Collier, Racheal Folkers, Maggie Fleming and Roni Lammers. Not pictured are Nathan Arens, Chris Collier and Scott McCaw.

Cedar County Theatre Gets Into The Habit

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF
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HARTINGTON, Neb. — For its first major production in four years, the Cedar County Theatre believes it's good to get into the habit.

The nun's habit, that is. The cast is performing the comedy "Drinking Habits" — featuring the wine-making Sisters of Perpetual Sewing — April 4-7 at the Hartington (Neb.) city auditorium. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Accusations, mistaken identities and romance run wild in this traditional, laugh-out-loud farce by Tom Smith.

Cedar County Theatre president Lee

Carl co-directs the play with Sheila Olsen. He believes "Drinking Habits" provides the ideal play for bringing the company back to the large stage.

"Our theater started in 2002, and we pretty much have had a production once or twice a year since then," Carl said. "We last had a stage production in 2009. Then, the (theater) president at the time moved away, and we kind of languished a little bit."

The Cedar County Theatre didn't go away. In fact, it remained active with projects throughout the year.

"We have partnered with the Friends of the Library for fundraisers, and the money we raised was split between us," Carl said.

The theater company put on its

productions at the local golf club rather than the city auditorium, he said. The shows focused on audience participation.

"We did 'The Match Game' where we sold tickets and brought out contestants from the audience. We did it every night with somebody different," he said.

"We also had the 'Murder at the Mardi Gras' dinner theater in January or February. We served a meal (before the production), and we did the murder mystery at 6 or 7 p.m., when it was already dark out during the winter."

The Cedar County Theatre has also continued the annual tradition of

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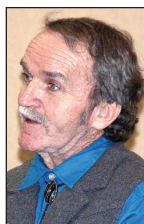
Gleich Believes He Can Make A Difference

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of our series of profiles on the seven candidates for the Yankton City Commission. The election is April 9.

Name: Edward Gleich
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1. Why do you want to be a city commissioner?
I believe I can make a difference. I am not a yes man.

2. The city is investigating the potential for approximately \$28 million in upgrades to its water treatment and water intake facilities. What are your thoughts on this process so far, and what would be the best way to go about funding such a large investment?
To me, \$28 million is just a number. What you can buy for a \$1 about 35-40 years ago will not buy



Gleich

much today. Chevrolet and Fords cost more. A bottle of water in a bar could be spendy!

3. The city purchased 35 acres of Human Services Center ground last May at a cost of approximately \$1.95 million. Do you think enough is being done to market the property and find a good use for it?

I believe in the first place, the city should not be in the real estate business. With Menards and Walmart (in that vicinity, the land will sell itself in time.

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Questions Raised About Schumacher's Past Service

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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A candidate for Yankton's City Commission has some controversy in his past, but he isn't talking about it.

Michael Schumacher is running for one of three open seats on the Yankton City Commission in the April 9 election.

However, city politics is not new to him. Schumacher served one term as a Ward One alderman on the Rapid City Council from July 2005 through



Schumacher

July 2007. Despite repeated requests during the last five weeks by the *Press & Dakotan* for comment on events that took place during and after his time as a Rapid City councilor, Schumacher failed to provide any response. Although he was not present

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